

# BROWN DAILY HERALD

DAILY SINCE 1891

PROVIDENCE, R. I., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1967

## CIA Subsidizes Youth Foundation; Brown Source Knew NSA Secret

by DOUGLAS H. PAAL

Another foundation was added to the list yesterday of organizations which have granted money to student groups out of funds provided by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The disclosure of the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs' activities follows by a day the announcement by the National Students Association that certain organizations had granted CIA money to sponsor the international activities of the Association.

Reports that the United States Youth Council had also received direct subsidies from the CIA were denied by the Council yesterday. The spokesman for the Council maintained, however, that he had been told by the Foundation that it had received CIA money.

The Foundation is one of several funding bodies that have been described as CIA-supported by the Youth Council. The Sydney and Esther Rabb Foundation of Boston and the Independence Foundation of the same city were conceded to be direct CIA money sources by Eugene Groves, president of the NSA, after he had learned that his Association's tie with the CIA would be outlined in the March issue of *Ramparts* magazine.

President Johnson Tuesday night ordered an end to all CIA funding of student groups and demands by Congressmen that the CIA activities be investigated.

Although attempts to contact the Rabb and Independence foundations have failed, the Foundation for Youth and Student Affairs was reached yesterday. A spokesman there declined to comment beyond, "You'd better call the CIA. They know more about this organization than we do."

The Foundation has in the past supported student service and educational activities. It pays the bulk of the administrative costs to run the NSA, according to the Association's budget figures.

Two years ago, the Foundation granted \$200 to help finance the Latin American Conference at Brown, according to Diana Newton '65.

A government source associated with Brown told the *HERALD* yesterday that he had known that student groups were being funded by United States money since 1959. He continued that due to circumstances of the meeting at which he was informed, he assumed that it was the CIA which was doing the funding.

"My recollection was that a way was found to finance American students going to international meetings," he said. The CIA was the only governmental institution in a position to provide such money, he added, because, no other was authorized to subsidize organizations.

"It was felt it was better to do things like that covertly because the other nations were doing it covertly," he said. "Very few of us knew about it."

Asked if the President knew of such grants, the source replied, "He would have to know." How great an effect the disclosure of the CIA activities will have in future international student meetings, he could not assess.

However, he maintained that "These things blow over very fast . . . Most communist delegates can't fathom the idea that there could be private organizations that would willingly give away money. Even the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations are considered state controlled." Therefore, the CIA-NSA disclosure will not be surprising to them, he added.

STAT